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# Certificate of Appreciation

*Awarded to*

*Dept. of Social Work, Loyola College, Thiruvananthapuram.*

**In recognition of the contribution of your department by actively involving in the 'Break the Chain Campaign' against COVID 19. The IEC materials prepared by your department in the print and video forms have helped in spreading messages on COVID 19 among people and also in creating a positive impression about the role of Social Work Profession.**

**Your voluntary involvement in the programmes against COVID 19 and initiatives are highly appreciated**

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It has been the pleasure for the Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers (KAPS) to associate with the Department of Social Work, Loyola College of Social Sciences to collaborate for research, training and community-based intervention and engage in allied activities in the context of Kerala Floods 2018.

The beginning of the cooperation was when KAPS was directed by the Child Rights Commission and UNICEF to undertake a study on the plight of children in the flashflood affected areas. The KAPS in association worked up the preliminary aspects of the study titled Voices of Children. The study required very careful, sensitive administration given that the clientele being children, their tender age and silent trauma of floods.

The engagement was marked well with the successful design of a tool sensitive to the needs and aspirations of children by Dr. Sonny Jose and Dr. Jasmine S.A. This was followed by training of the social work trainees and teachers by Dr. Kiran T at various locations under the leadership of KAPS Secretariat.

The team from Loyola Trivandrum was instrumental in engaging with Mr. Babu Prabhakar of Blue Point and eventually the Directorate of Social Justice (Women and Child Development) in recruiting 100 volunteers from each district and referring them for training at the various District HQs under the guidance of NIMHANS. The group of students of Semester-1 under the leadership of Dr. Sonny worked in the flood ravaged areas of Pathanamthitta (Chengannur, Budhanoor, Pandanad, etc.), Alappuzha (AC Road, Kayamkulam, Kanichakulangara and Kainakary) and Ernakulam (Kuttampuzha) from 16 August to 5 September 2018.

They stayed their grounds in various camps all over the above mentioned regions in spite of the hostile and unpredictable emerging scenarios, undertaking site visits, collecting data for WCD, reaching relief supplies and essential medicines, besides engaging the camp residents and especially children by way of social group work in recreational groups and supporting the community kitchens.

The group eventually associated with the Department of Social Work, Assumption College headed by Sr. Shalini CMC and their senior students, to undertake an intervention based evaluation study (action research) in Kainakary, the most-affected area during the Kerala Floods 2018. The extensive and in-depth interactions was done utilizing various PRA Tools as projective techniques to help them overcome their trauma. We had visited the site and personally witnessed their action and dedication on ground zero.

I place on record my appreciation for Dr. Sonny, Sr. Shalini CMC and Ms. Francina P.X. for leading and engaging their student social work trainees in the novel disaster management activity under challenging conditions. KAPS holds special appreciation for their fearless engagement, dedication and cooperation; expert contribution and assistance in undertaking the intervention-based action research; and finally for their commitment in completing the data collection.



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